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THE STORY SO FAR



Nazi scientist Dr. Midwinter has finally caught up with Pantha and plans to barter her soul to almighty Death himself. Nothing comes cheap—especially immortal souls—and in exchange for Pantha's, Midwinter demands that Death's avatar, Lady Death, slaughter a good portion of the human populace, so that he may rule in a world of cruel, military heartlessness, and usher in a new age of evil.



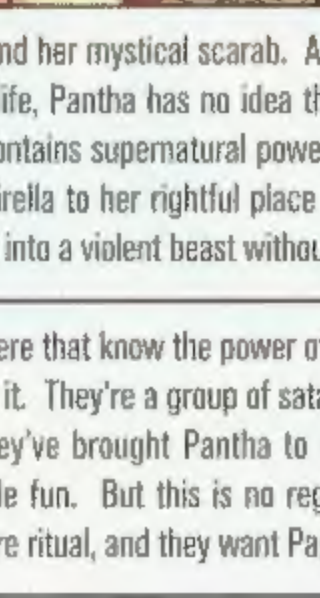
The only thing that stands in their way—Vampirella! Along with her sidekick Dixie, Vampi executes an effort to avenge Midwinter for a past wrong, and is shocked to find herself head-to-head with the indestructible Lady Death. With everything stacked against her, Vampi is defeated with a mortal wound from the Spear of Destiny.



Suddenly transported to the 1960s, Vampirella must try to determine why and how she got there—and how she can return to the year 2000. With the help of her old cohort, the magician Pendragon, Vampi sets out to find the answers she seeks.



Meanwhile, Hollywood detective Jack Stone is on the hunt for a brutal killer whose *modus operandi* is unlike anything he's ever seen. His search only leads to more confusion. According to the evidence, nothing *human* could commit these crimes!



All paths lead to Pantha and her mystical scarab. A B-movie actress with a *very* active social life, Pantha has no idea that the jewel she wears around her neck contains supernatural powers. Not only is it capable of sending Vampirella to her rightful place and time—it also transforms Pantha herself into a violent beast without her knowledge.

But there are some out there that know the power of the Scarab—and will stop at nothing to get it. They're a group of satanic bikers called the White Skulls, and they've brought Pantha to a party with the promise of some 60s-style fun. But this is no regular "party"—it's actually part of their bizarre ritual, and they want Pantha to take part!



The Scarab's power alerts Vampi to the danger. But her rescue effort goes topsy-turvy when the Skulls manage to trap her too...until Detective Stone arrives on the scene. His quick thinking, and quicker shooting, manage to save the two lovelies from the clutches of evil...for now...



"EVIL IS A SIMPLE
QUESTION OF
MORAL RELATIVITY..."



"IT ALL DEPENDS
UPON OUR
PERCEPTION
OF TIME."



"EVEN THE MEMORIES
OF HISTORY'S DARKEST
ATROCITIES ARE ERASED
BY THE INEVITABLE
SPECTRE OF DEATH."



"BUT AS AN
IMMORTAL, I
HAVE TRANSCENDED
DEATH."




"AND THE ARYAN MASTER
RACE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED--
IN NEITZSCHE'S WORDS--
BEYOND GOOD AND EVIL."

NUREMBURG,
APRIL 20TH, 2000:

"NOW, TIME'S ARROW
COMES FULL CIRCLE--
HERE WHERE THE WORLD
FIRST FELT OUR POWER!"



ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF HITLER'S DEATH,
THE WORLD WILL LEARN
THAT HIS SACRIFICE
WAS NOT IN VAIN--"



REALLY,
MIDWINTER?
YOUR LEADER'S
PUTRID SOUL CURRIED
NO SPECIAL FAVOR
WITH DEATH.

THE
BANALITY OF
HIS EVIL IS HUMANITY'S
MOST COMMON--AND
WORTHLESS
CURRENCY.

PERHAPS--
BUT HITLER'S
SOUL WAS MERELY
HUMAN...

"...BUT I NOW
OFFER DEATH
THE SOUL OF
THE IMMORTAL
GODDESS,
PANTHA..."

"SHE WILL DIE
AT THE STROKE
OF MIDNIGHT.

"THE FIRST
OF BILLIONS!"

SEE--DEATH
HIMSELF APPROACHES--
READY TO ACCEPT MY
TRIBUTE...



KNEEL, CHILD,
BEFORE THE TRUE
MASTER OF
CREATION!

I'M
DONE
KNEELING TO
ANYONE!

YOU'LL
HAVE TO
KILL ME
FIRST!



YOU'LL
DIE SOON
ENOUGH,
CHILD.

BUT
FIRST, YOU'LL
SUFFER!



YOU'LL
GROVEL--LIKE
ALL YOUR MISERABLE
SPECIES.

YOU'LL
BEG FOR
DEATH'S MERCIFUL
RELEASE!

TRY
HOLDING
YOUR BREATH,
BITCH...

IT'LL
BE A COLD DAY
IN HELL BEFORE YOU
MAKE ME
BEG!



"YOU WON'T SPEAK
QUITE SO GLIBLY
IN HELL..."

"ONCE I'VE
SHOWN YOU ITS
TRUE HORRORS!"



HORROR?

I'LL
SHOW YOU
HORROR!



NEIN!
IT...IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

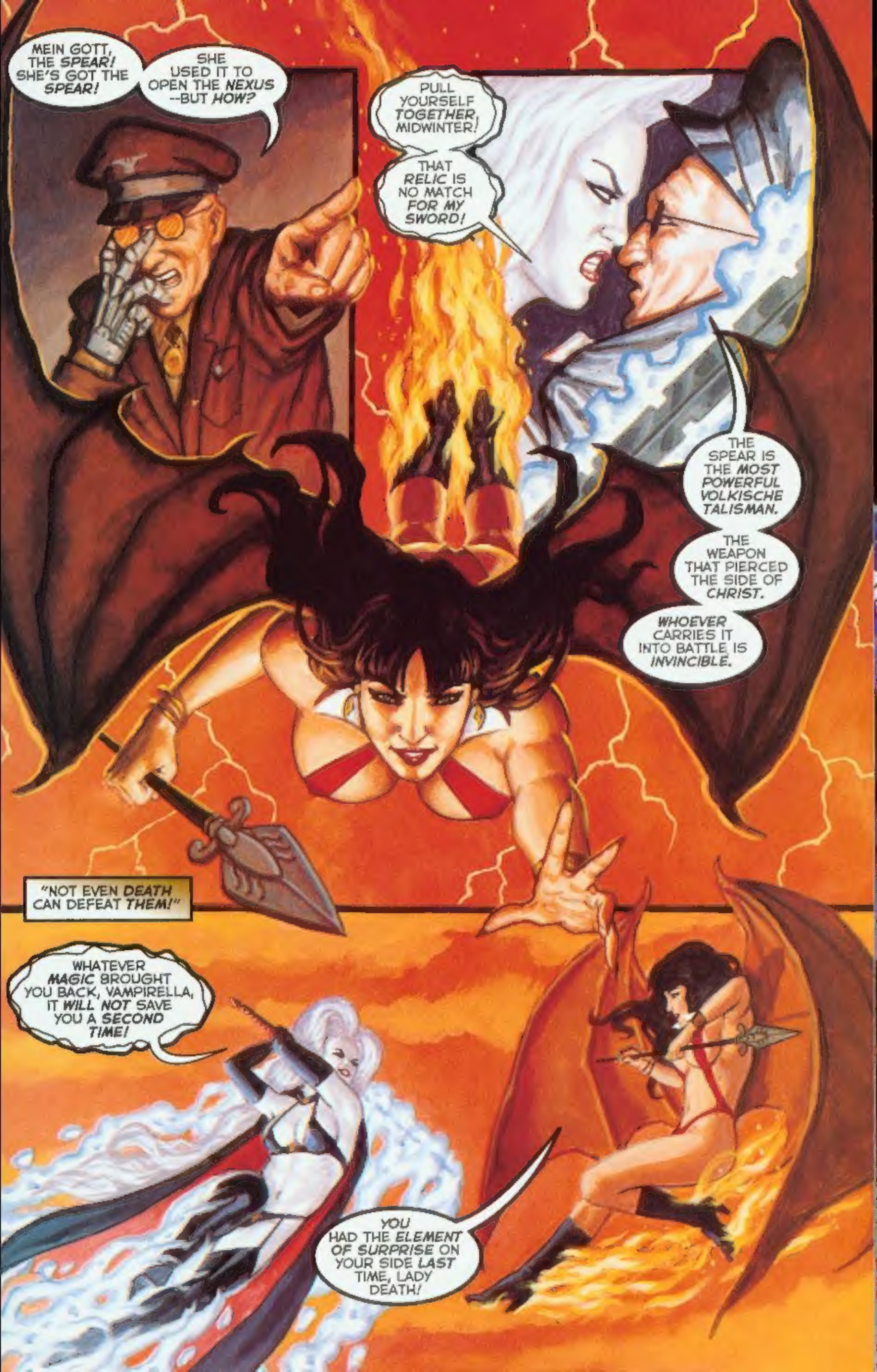
IT
CAN'T BE!



VAMPIRELLA

YOU SOUND
DISAPPOINTED!

WHO
WERE YOU
EXPECTING?--
EVA BRAUN?



MEIN GOTT,
THE SPEAR!
SHE'S GOT THE
SPEAR!

SHE
USED IT TO
OPEN THE NEXUS
--BUT HOW?

PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER,
MIDWINTER!

THAT
RELIC IS
NO MATCH
FOR MY
SWORD!

THE
SPEAR IS
THE MOST
POWERFUL
VOLKISCHE
TALISMAN.


THE
WEAPON
THAT PIERCED
THE SIDE OF
CHRIST.

WHOEVER
CARRIES IT
INTO BATTLE IS
INVINCIBLE.

"NOT EVEN DEATH
CAN DEFEAT THEM!"

WHATEVER
MAGIC BROUGHT
YOU BACK, VAMPIRELLA,
IT WILL NOT SAVE
YOU A SECOND
TIME!

YOU
HAD THE ELEMENT
OF SURPRISE ON
YOUR SIDE LAST
TIME, LADY
DEATH!



LET'S
SEE HOW
YOU MAKE OUT
WITHOUT IT!

I HATE
TO LABOR THE
POINT...

BUT
TO PUT IT
BLUNTLY--

--THIS
TIME YOU GET
SHAFTED!

UHH,
HOW...HOW
IS IT
POSSIBLE?

I AM
THE AVATAR
OF DEATH...YOU
CAN'T DEFEAT
ME!

I HAVE
TO ADMIT IT, BUT
THAT NAZI TURD
WAS RIGHT--



--WHILE
I'VE GOT
THIS I CAN
KICK YOUR
BUTT...

...BUT
YOU CAN'T SO
MUCH AS SCRATCH
ME!



"I WATCHED
YOU DIE!"

"WITH PANTHA AND
PENDRAGON'S HELP
I FOUND A WAY TO
RETURN FROM THE PAST

AND WAS REINCARNATED
WITHIN MY OWN BODY
BACK IN THE PAST

"WHEN MY BODY
DIED MY SOUL WAS
ASSIMILATED BY THE
NEXUS OF ALL THINGS.



"A WAY TO
BEAT DEATH."

"THE SPEAR ACTED LIKE
A BEACON GUIDING MY SOUL
BACK THROUGH THE NEXUS..."

"ITS POWERS
COMBINED WITH
THE HELP OF THE SCARAB
HEALED MY WOUNDS"

"IT RESTORED
MY LIFE."





AND I HEARD
WE HAVE
PANTHA'S

BECAUSE HE
UNDERSTOOD
MIDWINTER HAD
THE KEY TO HER
LIFE, HER SOUL
EVERYTHING

I LET HIM
STEAL THE M AND
I'M OWN
DESTRUCTION!

THE M AND
HE LIVED
THE M AND
CAME TO
THE
DEATH

--AND YOU,
MIDWINTER!

YOU'RE
FINISHED--WITHOUT
PANTHA YOU HAVE
NOTHING TO TRADE
WITH DEATH!

AND THAT
MEANS YOU'VE
HAD A WASTED
JOURNEY, LD.

BECAUSE
TONIGHT'S
HOLOCAUST
HAS JUST BEEN
CANCELLED.

SO IT'S
TIME WE
CALLED IT
QUIT'S.

IT'S
NOT THAT
SIMPLE.

I HAVE
YET TO CLAIM
THE SOUL OF
AN IMMORTAL!

YOU
SUMMONED
ME HERE,
MIDWINTER.

SO, YOUR
SOUL IS NOW
FORFEIT INSTEAD
OF PANTHA'S!

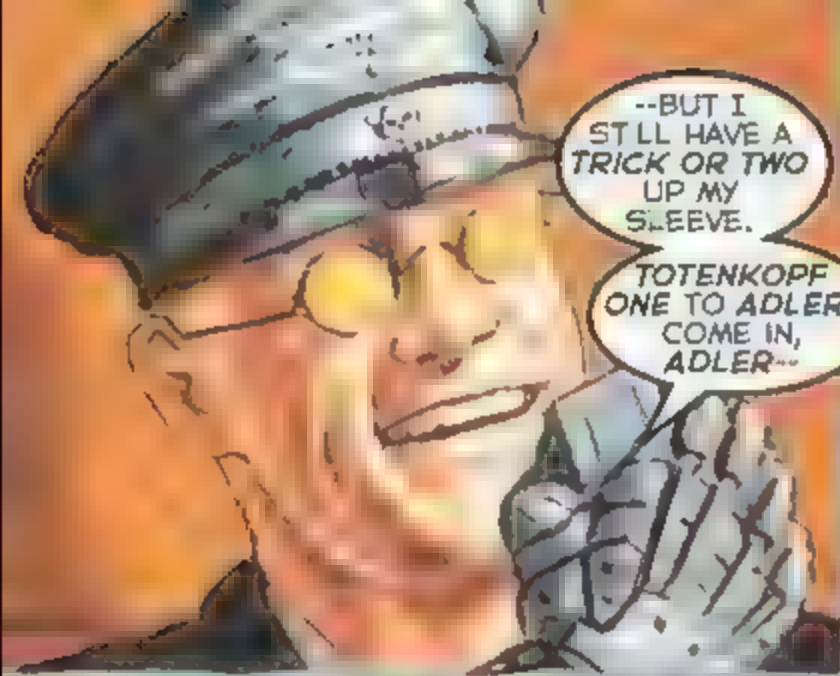
YOU
CAN'T HARM
ME.

THE
SCARAB'S
POWER MAKES
ME INVULNERABLE
TO YOU!

IT MAY
PROTECT YOU
FROM HER,
MIDWINTER.

BUT
NOT FROM
ME

PERHAPS...



--BUT I
ST'LL HAVE A
TRICK OR TWO
UP MY
SLEEVE.

TOTENKOPF
ONE TO ADLER.
COME IN,
ADLER--

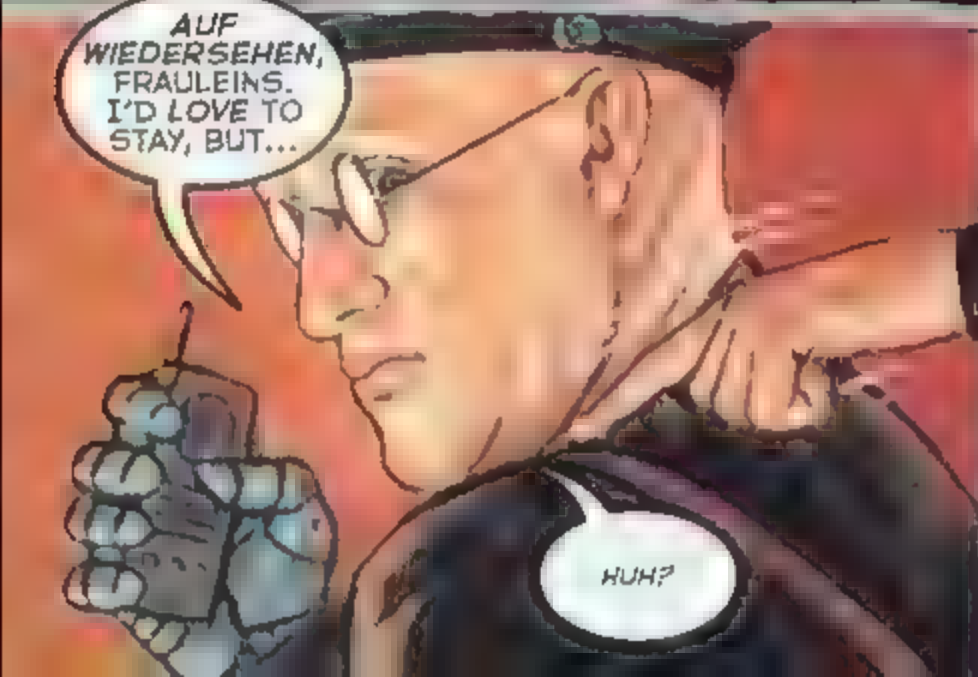
TOTENKOPF
ONE TO ADLER--
ATTACK PLAN B!

JAWOHL,
TOTENKOPF!



YOU MAY
HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE
OVER ME,
VAMPIRELLA.

BUT MY
ELITE TROOPS
SHOULD EVEN
THE ODDS.



AUF
WIEDERSEHEN,
FRAULEINS.
I'D LOVE TO
STAY, BUT...

HUH?



A
SCARAB
AND SWASTIKA
ENSEMBLE?

REAL
BAD TASTE!



CONSIDER
YOURSELF BUSTED
BY THE STYLE
POLICE!

THIS
WHOLE NAZI
RETRO CHIC
SCENE?



--IT'S
DEADER
THAN DUNGAREES,
MAN!

GLAD
TO HAVE
YOU BACK,
VAMPI!

I THOUGHT
I WAS GONNA
HAVE TO SAVE
THE WORLD ALL
BY MYSELF!

YEAH
--AS IF!

STILL,
I GOTTA ADMIT
--YOU'VE GOT SOME
COOL GUNS!

IS THIS
WHAT EVERYONE'S
FIGHTING
OVER?

AMERICANS
--WILL YOU NEVER
LEARN--?

"--TO KILL YOUR
ENEMY WHILE
HE'S DOWN."

AAAAHHH!

DIXIE!

NO!!!

PURE
KARMA,
VAMP RE. LA.

WHAT GOES
AROUND--

"--COMES
AROUND."

VAMPIRELLA,
STOP HIM!

M'DWINTER'S
SOUL IS FORFEITED
TO DEATH.

BUT HE'S
ONLY VULNERABLE
WITHOUT THE
AMULET'S
PROTECTION!



SUH-SORRY
...VAMPI...


UH-LOOKS...
LIKE I...I
SCREWED UP...

I GUESS...
YOU MUH-MUST
...BE...PRETTY
PISSSED
AT ME

I CAN'T
LET DIXIE DIE
LIKE THIS--YOU
CAN STOP IT,
LADY DEATH


YOU GET
TO CHOOSE
WHO LIVES AND
WHO DIES!

NO,
VAMPIRELLA--
EVEN I CANNOT
CHANGE THAT
NOW.



THE CHILD
FOUGHT BRAVELY
AND DIED A
WARRIOR'S
DEATH.

BUT I
CAN GUIDE
AND PROTECT
HER IN THE
AFTERLIFE.



ETERNITY
CAN BE HERS
AT A PRICE--

OH, DIXIE...
I'M SORRY...
I'M SO
SORRY..

--MIDWINTER'S
SOUL!



I DON'T CARE ABOUT HIS SOUL!

BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT--


--AND WHATEVER'S LEFT AFTER I'M FINISHED!

SO THE SCARAB WAS THE SOURCE OF YOUR IMMORTALITY...

...BUT BLOOD IS ITS TRUE MEDIUM...

...AND THAT'S WHAT VAMPIRES TRULY FEED ON!

AARCH!



SO
MIDWINTER--
YOU STILL BELIEVE
YOU CAN CHEAT
DEATH?!

--THAT
YOU CAN
BETRAY
ME?!


AND YOU
CALL THIS "PURE
BLOOD"?!

I'VE NEVER
TASTED ANYTHING
SO VILE!

YOU
HAVE MOCKED
DEATH FOR THE
LAST TIME.

NOW THE
KILLING JOKE
IS ON YOU!!

AARGH!



DO YOU
STILL BELIEVE
THAT YOU EXIST
BEYOND GOOD
AND EVIL?

YOU HAVE
NO CONCEPTION
OF WHAT EVIL
TRULY IS...

...BUT AN
ETERNITY OF
TORTURE TO
LEARN.

LADY DEATH,
PLEASE...

...PLEASE...
I'M BEGGING
YOU.

PLEASE
SAVE HER...

...TAKE
ME INSTEAD.

YOU HAVE
THWARTED DEATH
TWICE THAT I KNOW OF--
PERHAPS HE FINDS THE
TASTE OF YOUR SOUL
UNPALATABLE.

BUT
THIS IS
THE **CHILD'S** TIME.

FAREWELL,
VAMPIRELLA.

EPILOGUE



OH, GOD, DIXIE. CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR LETTING THIS HAPPEN TO YOU.

YOU DID ALL THAT ANYBODY COULD HAVE DONE.

THINK OF ALL THE LIVES YOU DID SAVE.

ALL THOSE STRANGERS?



THE ONLY ONE I EVER LOVED IS DEAD!

THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME!

YOU SEE? THE LIVING WEEP ONLY FOR THEMSELVES.

VAMPIRELLA WAS A GOOD FRIEND TO ME...

I'VE HAD IT WITH ALL THIS HERO CRAP!

NOW ON, THE WORLD CAN GO TO HELL FOR ALL I CARE!





...MY ONLY FRIEND.

AND YOU PROMISED YOU'D LET ME SEE HER ONE MORE TIME.

HAVEN'T YOU SEEN ENOUGH NOW, DIXIE?

DON'T YOU FIND IT PAINFUL?



LIKE YOU, I'M BEYOND PAIN NOW.

I PROMISED VAMPIRELLA TO ACT AS YOUR GUIDE TO THE NEXT PLANE...

AND I NEVER BREAK A VOW.



YOU MAY BEYOND PAIN NOW, DIXIE--

--BUT VAMPIRELLA WILL EXPERIENCE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF YOU FOR SOME TIME YET TO COME.

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